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Dear Arkansas Educator:

On Tuesday, April 9, the final Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), a new set of voluntary, rigorous, and internationally benchmarked standards for K-12 science education, were released. Twenty six states, including Arkansas, formed broad-based teams that worked together for two years with a 41-member writing team and partners to develop the standards which identify science and engineering practices and content that all K-12 students should master in order to be fully prepared for college, careers and citizenship. The NGSS were built upon a vision for science education established by the Framework for K-12 Science Education, published by the National Academies' National Research Council in 2011, and are performance expectations for students, not a curriculum.

What does this mean for Arkansas??? While we have been a lead state in the development of the NGSS, we will review the final set of standards to make sure they are right for the students of our state, as mandated in our law. This work will be completed before any recommendation to the State Board of Education for consideration of adoption. If adopted, a timeline would be established for implementation.

The press release for the NGSS and the standards may be viewed here:  
www.nextgenscience.org<<http://www.nextgenscience.org>>

Please share this information with those that you know that might be interested! Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas!

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